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Author Tells of Campaign To Silence Anti-Communism

Editor's Note—One of the speakers at the May 25 seminar here on Communist tactics, strategy and objectives will be William R. Kintner, deputy director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, who is the author of an article carried in the May issue of Reader's Digest. The State-Times, today, with the permission of the magazine, reprints in entirety the article in which a long-time student of Moscow's techniques says the Kremlin is using the furor over "extremists" to attempt to liquidate intelligent opposition in the U.S. to communism's cold-war maneuvers. The title is "The Insidious Campaign to Silence Anti-Communism."

By WILLIAM R. KINTNER

An insidious, Moscow-fed campaign to bleed the life out of anti-communism in America is now beginning to pay off. Within the past year it has created such a climate of distrust and confusion that scores of reputable anti-communist authorities find themselves tainted, suspect, under vicious attack.

The newest target for exploitation by the Reds is the extremist hysteria currently evident in America. Millions of Americans have become discouraged by the years of confusion, contradiction and empty posturing that have marked our efforts against communism. Out of a growing sense of frustration some have gathered into wrong-headed "extremist" cults such as the John Birch Society. Yet, instead of removing the cause of frustration on which such movements feed, some of our highest officials are attacking not just Birchites but experts on the communist challenge. As a result, a deplorable set of double standards has developed. Persons who voice anti-communist thoughts are reprimanded, while those who plead accommodation are rarely rebuked.

Cite Example

For example, in Okanogan, Wash., U.S. Forest Ranger Don Caron was forced to resign because he wrote anti-communist articles for the local newspaper. His superiors said his writings were "controversial" and "reduced his effectiveness."

Yet when Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas publicly argues against U.S. policy to resist Red China's admission to the United Nations there is no cen-

sure, although the prestige of our highest court is injected into foreign-policy matters outside its jurisdiction.

Last July the U.S. Navy was so wary of pressures against anti-communists that it wouldn't even let one of its bands play at a Santa Monica, Calif., anti-communist rally sponsored by 53 civic and service organizations, including the American Legion.

Many of the same people who a few years ago quite properly decried Senator McCarthy's "guilty-by-association" techniques in labeling persons pro-Communist now employ these same tactics to smear all anti-Communists as Birchite "extremists." No sooner was it disclosed that Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker belonged to the John Birch Society than numerous high-ranking military men found themselves subtly stamped with the Birchite-Walker label.

The New York Times referred to Walker as just "the most conspicuous example" of officers with theories akin to those held by Birchites. Much in the same vein, a report to the Fund for the Republic lumps such respectable publications as National Review and U.S. News & World Report with the discredited Birch Society's own journal.

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Serving Russia's Aims

Aided by such loose reporting, this drive which discourages and reprimands anti-communism in the United States not merely serves Russia's aims; it has its roots in Moscow's psychological and propaganda specialists. The

Reds have fastened onto the extremist hysteria as a handy vehicle for mounting a well-laid campaign to split the United States in two and discredit both liberals and conservatives who urge tough-minded realism in dealing with communism.

The zeal with which the Reds are going about this is a tribute to a movement which had its beginning in 1955, when 1,000 educators, businessmen and scientists assembled in Chicago for the first national Military-Industrial Conference to devise ways of meeting the Soviet technological challenge. The parley was so successful that it became a yearly event supported by eight universities, dozens of professional societies, labor unions, business groups and several U.S. government departments. Moreover, it was put under the direction of a civilian-run, year-round organization, the Institute for American Strategy.

Start of Seminars

Meanwhile, alarmed by Communist intrusions and psychological gains, the White House urged that the public be better informed about cold-war problems. As a result, the University of Pennsylvania's Foreign Policy Research Institute was called upon to set up a two-week seminar for 210 highly qualified military reservists.

In the summer of 1959, college presidents, deans, editors, members of Congress, governors, lawyers, teachers and businessmen gathered at the National War College and heard lectures by 55 top experts. Deeply moved by what they learned, many participants felt urged to alert their own areas. With the guidance of such organizations as the Institute for American Strategy, they organized weekend strategy seminars for which nearby Army posts made available their dormitories and assembly halls.

In the last three years, more than 50 of these forums have brought together 60,000 persons for intensive education about the enemy's methods and goals. In rare instances, speakers have slipped off the track into intemperate remarks—but this has happened only because the discussions have been carried on in such a frank and free atmosphere.

The public's understanding of communism was further sharpened by revelations made in Congress and by disclosures from Russia's intelligence system appeared before our legislators and explained the Krem-

lin's sordid techniques of blackmail and murder. The Federal Bureau of Investigation unveiled the plans of the U.S. Communist Party members, obeying Moscow to infiltrate and influence American youth.

A Dynamic Force

As a result of all this activity anti-communism developed into a dynamic enlightened force in America—a movement so powerful that Khrushchev had to try to destroy it.

Evidence of the Kremlin's concern was a meeting held in Moscow in late 1960. Eighty-one Communist chieftains huddled for close to a month, then issued a startling manifesto which described the anti-Communist movement as "the principal ideological weapon" of Communist opponents and called on Communists around the world to participate in "exposing anti-communism."

On January 6, 1961, Khrushchev summoned before him the elite of communism's psychological-warfare experts. He told them that the rising anti-communist movement had to be destroyed and stressed the "necessity of establishing contacts with those circles of the bourgeoisie which gravitate toward pacifism." His most revealing words: "We must use 'prudent bourgeoisie'."

Khrushchev was confident that his international brainwashing apparatus could carry out these orders. From disclosures by defector MVD Col. Vladimir Petrov before the Royal Australian Commission and from Congressional testimony of the CIA, we know how this apparatus operates.

Dossiers in Moscow's espionage headquarters were combed for the names of unsuspecting persons in the United States who might do the Kremlin's work. Search was made for political leaders of our extreme left who might fall for a made-in-Moscow line, for ultra-liberal newsmen who would innocently echo communist-inspired interpretations.

Finally, the Kremlin experts on America screened conservatives, singling out extremists counted on to discredit all anti-communists.

Such communist use of legitimate liberals, conservatives and pacifists should be a matter of concern to all Americans. They are equally victims of the devious

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mechanism which 80 years of that numerous officers were in communist experience have per doctrinating their commands and fected for moving the party's the civilian population with ideas deep into free societies. Birchite-type theories. This in

This transmission system func- turn was all that Gus Hall, boss- tions through four rings, which of the U.S. Communist Party, are "like ripples from a stone needed to thunder that "even dropped in water," as one ex- the Pentagon had to admit re- port puts it. Ring One consists, eently that it was 'worried' over of actual Communist fronts link- the extent of Birchite and simi- ed closely to the Kremlin, Ring- lar influences among the rank- Two is made up of blind pac- ing officers of the military serv- lists and fuzzy intellectuals who ices. The controversy over right-

occasionally aid Red aims. The controversy over right- Ring Three nears the mark wing "extremists" mounted. Oft- that Moscow wishes to hit, the en the shooting missed the main "innocents"; respected citizens target and strafed legitimate who have influential connec- anti-Communists and educational tions but who are often profes- programs with a spray of guilt total protesters and crusaders, by association. Among those to be idealism is both genuine and hit were the strategy seminars.

naive. Ring Four is composed of Fulbright Attacks Seminars opinion-makers; editorial writers, The furor reached its peak last news analysts, commentators, summer when none other than The ultimate objective of all the influential chairman of the this attention is the general Senate Foreign Relations Com- public. mittee, William Fulbright, dis-

By the time the ripples from patched a memorandum to the a counterfeit idea dropped in the Pentagon castigating the simi- middle of Ring One finally lap- ilar program.

up on the shores of public opin- As a result of all this, any ef- ion, it becomes virtually impos- fective seminar program was sible to separate the innocent doomed. Unofficially, word carriers from the knowing pur- flashed down from the Pentagon veyors. The public at best is through the officer corps to go confused, at worst actually hos- easy on public "anti-Communist" tile to anti-communism, in remarks. In recent months, the either case, Moscow scores a sponsors of a proposed Louisi- clear gain. ana - Arkansas - Texas session

Says Pentagon Target The primary target is the Pen- in Shreveport, La., on the Com- ta gon. For, as Sen. Frank- munist threat were told that "the Defense Department cannot partic- ipate in your seminar in any Lausche, a Democrat from Ohio, manner." In Virginia, a train- has explained: "If I had to ad- ing program on communism for vance communism in the world, I would urge the destruction of active-duty National Guardsmen had to be postponed. Throughout the nation, citizens' groups

U.S. public confidence in our wanting to learn more about our own strategy have been denied military men." military cooperation. Last spring the Reds were Isn't it time we stopped such handed a perfect opening wedge: senseless suppression of respon- discovery by the press of the sible education about Khrush- extremist John Birch Society, chev's plan to bury us? Unless this later revelation that one the American people can real- U.S. general was a member. tistically analyze together this This was enough to set some- total Communist threat, the of our most influential news- Kremlin will watch its plan to papers off on a chase to show, paralyze us succeed, as we di- with slim pickings for proof, vide into a bitter civil war of words that will wreck our na-

tional unity. We must regain the real balance needed to allow all citizens to study Communist man- neuvres and learn how to cope with them intelligently and forth- rightly without being silenced or smeared. For when the day comes that we are prevented from fully comprehending why growing Communist power imperils freedom, and when we cannot discuss frankly what should be done to combat it - on that day our cause will be lost.